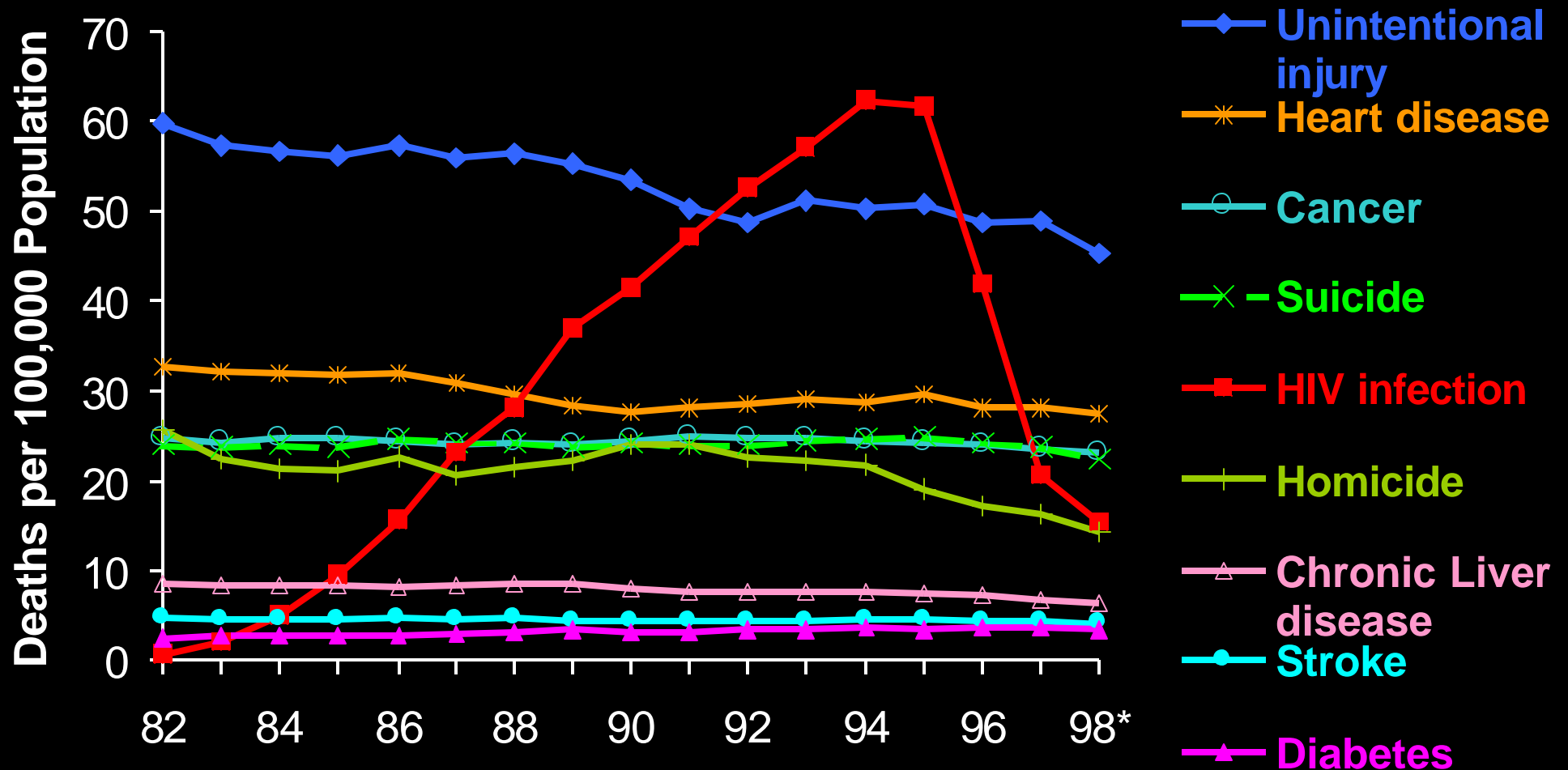


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Among men 25-44 years old, HIV infection was the leading cause of death in 1992 through 1995; it caused almost 26,000 deaths, or 23% of the total in this group in 1995. Then the rank of HIV infection fell to fourth place in 1997 and 1998; it caused about 6,000 deaths, or 8% of the total, in this group in 1998.